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- ¶1. (C) Summary: Since being named by Democratic Revolution Party (PRD) presidential candidate Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador (AMLO) as his probat
- ¶2. (C) On January 31 AMLO indicated that Jose Maria Perez Gay would be his choice for Secretary of Foreign Relations (SRE) should AMLO win Jul
- ¶3. (C) Perez Gay told us he was making a special effort to engage with U.S. experts on the bilateral relationship because his own diplomatic a
- ¶4. (C) Perez Gay was clearly familiar with the current SRE structure, and indicated changes he would like to make. Among them, creating a sepa
- ¶5. (C) On broader issues Perez Gay reiterated what AMLO has said publicly -- that Mexico does not need to look outside for problems to solve;
- ¶6. (C) Comment: Charming and patrician, Perez Gay clearly reflects the more traditional non-interventionist school of Mexican diplomacy. He re

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